(b) outstanding income tax on each of them separately alongwith the time since when the same is pending;

(c) what efforts Government are making to recover the income tax; and

(d) what incentives Government have given for timely payment of income tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The Income Tax Department does not maintain separate details of outstanding taxes in respect of categories such as famous film artists etc.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Recovery of Income Tax is being effected through the machinery as provided under Chapter XVII and Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The measures include, *inter-alia*, issuance of statutory notice u/s 220(2), charging of Interest and levy of Penalty for non-payment of dues, attachement of Bank Accounts of the defaulter and amounts owed by debtor(s) to such a defaulter, attachment and sale of movable and immovable properties of the defaulter, arrest of the defaulter, appointing a receiver for the management of the defaulter's movable and immovable properties, etc.

(d) Levy of interest and penal provisions for delay/non-payment of taxes can be avoided by ensuring timely deposit of Income tax.

Survey on GDP Growth Rate

197. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey has indicated that the GDP rate has declined in the first quarter of the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) The estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) are prepared by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO). GDP estimates for the first quarter of the current

financial year are not yet available. As per the existing time schedule, Quarterly estimates of GDP are released by the CSO after a lag of three months.

Transfer of earnings by Foreign Channels

198. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign channels broadcasting in India are transferring their earnings to their controlling companies based overseas;

(b) if so, which are the channels and how much of their earnings are being transferred annually; and

(c) what are the provisions under which this is being done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The remittances of advertisement revenue and cable subscriptions, collected by the Indian Agents of foreign T.V. channels being in the nature of current account transactions, are allowed by Authorized Dealers under Section 5 of FEMA, 1999 after verification of documentary evidence in support of the remittance. The present arrangement does not provide for reporting the data/transactions to the Reserve Bank of India.

Scam in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur

199. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a financial scam amounting to over one crore rupees in the Prithviraj Road, Jaipur branch of State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any arrests have been made;

(d) what is the present status of the case; and